GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UDHAMPUR-BARAMULLA RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Udhampur-Katra-Qazigund-Baramulla Rail Link Project of Indian Railways in Jammu and Kashmir is getting delayed owing to the State Government's inability to acquire land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the 148 Km. Katra-Qazigund section only 44 percent land has been acquired so far and State Forest Department has not given clearance for the land which comes under the forest area; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): On Udhampur-Katra section, all land has been acquired. In Katra-Qazigund-Baramulla section, the work is getting partly delayed due to problem in land acquisition and forest clearance. On Katra-Qazigund section, about 41 percent of total land required has been acquired so far.

(d): Railway are holding meetings at various levels in the State Government to expedite land acquisition and forest clearance.